

My Dear Son

Ashland 17th Mar. 1845

I received your letter by Mr. Bryant. Your children are very well and were here yesterday. I do not believe that you could have made a better provision for them than that which you have done. Should you go to N. C., besides the immediate object of your journey, the case of Dubrault's heirs may be worthy of your attention. I learn that the Court has decided the exception against us on the ground that the N. States cannot be sued. I have great confidence, in previous decisions of the S. Court of the U. S., that that ground cannot be maintained. An appeal has been taken to the Supreme Court of Louisiana, which I understand will be probably tried this Spring. I wish that you could attend to it. I have communicated to Mr. Schmidt my views of that question of jurisdiction. It is doubtful whether Ludah can assist in the argument. I have not yet heard from France as to the order of Dochem one.

It would afford me very great pleasure if you could be elected to Congress from the Louisville District. I know nothing or next to nothing of the probability of the success of a Whig Candidate. Butler, I think it probable, will be the Candidate on the other side. I hope that your connection with me, if it do not benefit, may not injure you, should you determine to be a Candidate.

My friends are very kindly doing something towards my pecuniary relief. They have addressed themselves directly to the N. Bank of N. & paid off the two notes of \$5000 each given respectively by you and me, and I have reason to believe that they will do at least